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Letter dated 2 June 2011 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as President of the Security Council, I am forwarding to you a letter dated 18 May 2011 from the Chairman of the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict established by Security Council resolution 1612 (2005), based on the Working Group's conclusions adopted on 2 May 2011 (S/AC.51/2011/3) (see annex).

(*Signed*) Nelson **Messone**
President of the Security Council

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At its 29th meeting, on 25 February 2011, the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict examined the second report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in Afghanistan (S/2011/55), covering the period from 1 September 2008 to 30 August 2010. At its 30th meeting, on 2 May 2011, the Working Group adopted its conclusions on children and armed conflict in Afghanistan (S/AC.51/2011/3).

In follow up to the recommendations of the Working Group, approved by the Security Council, and subject to and consistent with applicable international law and relevant Security Council resolutions, including Security Council resolutions 1612 (2005) and 1882 (2009), I am entrusted, in my capacity as the Chairman of the Working Group, to request you to strengthen monitoring and reporting of the situation of children in Afghanistan, especially in areas most affected by the conflict, and, in that regard, to continue to strengthen the child protection component of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan through the appointment of child protection advisers in the Mission.

The Working Group also requests you to explore ways to ensure that the United Nations country team works in close consultation with the Government of Afghanistan and international military forces in order to support their efforts to minimize civilian causalities, in line with international humanitarian law.

The Working Group calls upon you, through your Special Representative, to strengthen the exchange of information on the recruitment, training and use of children and to improve the reporting on circumstances where children are trained in order to be recruited and used by the Taliban and other armed groups in Afghanistan.

(*Signed*) Peter **Wittig**
Chairman
Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict